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ABSTRACT

This collection of tables presents selected facts and figures about education in Alaska. General and district school information about Alaska's 469 public schools in 54 districts and its 276 private and denominational schools is followed by tables of general student information, including average daily membership, enrollment, graduates, and general education diplomas. Test results and statistics on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the American College Testing Program test are presented. Staffing information includes data on teacher salaries and student-to-teacher ratios. Financial information includes costs of boarding home programs, pupil transportation, food programs, and a review of public revenues. The school districts are described in terms of geographic size and enrollment, and school district and superintendent information is listed, along with a directory of the Alaska Department of Education. Nineteen tables present the data. (SLD)

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Readers interested in more detailed information should contact the program administrator listed in the Department of Education Directory on page 24.

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GENERAL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL INFORMATION 1991-92

NUMBER OF ALASKA SCHOOLS

Public Schools	469
Schools with one teacher	29
Schools with two teachers	44
Private and Denominational Schools	276

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

City and Borough School Districts	33
Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAAs)	21
Total public school districts	**54**

***City and Borough School Districts** - The 33 school districts in Alaska that are located in organized cities and boroughs.*

***Regional Educational Attendance Areas** - (REAA) the 21 regional school districts located in the unorganized borough. Railbelt School District became Denali School District in November, 1992. The governance for the school district will change from an REAA in FY92 to a Borough in FY93.*

STUDENT INFORMATION

ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOL AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP

	ADM	Percent Change
1991-92	115,640	4.8
1990-91	110,365	4.5
1989-90	105,661	4.2
1988-89	101,437	.3
1987-88	101,144	(2.0)
1986-87	103,157	.03
1985-86	103,124	2.9
1984-85	100,239	4.0
1983-84	96,381	3.8
1982-83	92,874	3.4
1981-82	89,848	3.9
1980-81	86,490	(1.4)
1979-80	87,722	(.5)
1978-79	88,173	(.7)
1977-78	88,784	(.7)
1976-77	89,414	1.5
1975-76	88,126	2.9
1974-75	85,667	2.7
1973-74	83,414	(.2)
1972-73	83,616	

Includes City and Boroughs, REAAs, Mt. Edgecumbe and Centralized Correspondence School.

ADM - (Average Daily Membership) - the average number of KG-12 students enrolled in a school over a twenty day count period.

Percent Change- Derived by subtracting the prior year's ADM from the current year 's ADM and dividing by the prior year's ADM. If there was a decrease in ADM the percent of change will be in parenthesis.

CENTRALIZED CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

	Enr KG-12	ADM*
1991-92	781	2,079
1990-91	877	1,985
1989-90	470	1,437
1988-89	581	1,408
1987-88	826	N/A
1986-87	809	N/A

**ADM count period begins on July 1 and includes summer school students.*

MT. EDGECUMBE HIGH SCHOOL

	Enr 9-12	ADM
1991-92	213	213
1990-91	211	213
1989-90	189	190
1988-89	193	191
1987-88	170	N/A
1986-87	174	N/A
1985-86	194	N/A

ALASKA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATES

	Enrolled	Graduates
1991-92	1,677	1,555
1990-91	1,801	1,609
1989-90	1,800	1,726
1988-89	1,672	1,530
1987-88	1,674	1,483

Note: Graduates do not include students enrolled in technical programs that operate over more than one fiscal year. They will be counted as a graduate in the fiscal year they graduate.

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED BILINGUAL/ BICULTURAL STUDENTS

	Number	% ADM
1991-92	12,056	10.4
1990-91	11,183	10.1
1989-90	11,103	10.5
1988-89	10,548	10.4
1987-88	9,948	9.8
1986-87	11,347	11.0
1895-86	10,471	10.2
1984-85	9,232	9.2
1983-84	8,677	9.0

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

	Number	% ADM
1991-92	16,107	13.9
1990-91	14,748	13.4
1989-90	13,901	13.2
1988-89	12,775	12.6
1987-88	12,796	12.7
1986-87	12,276	11.9
1985-86	12,271	11.9
1984-85	11,360	11.3
1983-84	11,111	11.5
1982-83	11,175	12.0
1981-82	11,576	12.9

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED GIFTED/ TALENTED STUDENTS

	Number	% ADM
1991-92	4,945	4.3
1990-91	4,696	4.3
1989-90	4,577	4.3
1988-89	4,252	4.2
1987-88	4,157	4.1
1986-87	3,854	3.7
1985-86	3,875	3.8
1984-85	3,058	3.1
1983-84	3,608	3.7
1982-83	3,034	3.8
1981-82	3,866	4.3

NUMBER OF IDENTIFIED MIGRANT STUDENTS

	Number	% ADM
1991-92	18,984	16.4
1990-91	16,272	14.7
1989-90	14,396	13.6
1988-89	13,002	12.8
1987-88	10,778	10.7
1986-87	9,120	8.8
1985-86	6,910	6.7
1984-85	3,597	3.6
1983-84	3,000	3.1
1982-83	1,895	2.0
1981-82	870	1.0

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND GED RECIPIENTS

	High School Graduates	GED Recipients
1991-92	5,548	1,498
1990-91	5,463	1,623
1989-90	5,392	1,397
1988-89	5,644	1,199
1987-88	5,907	1,736
1986-87	5,692	1,757
1985-86	5,435	1,950
1984-85	5,367	2,226
1983-84	5,423	2,200
1982-83	5,455	2,271
1981-82	5,562	2,550
1980-81	5,407	2,350
1979-80	5,203	2,273
1978-79	5,068	2,931
1977-78	4,832	2,483
1976-77	4,527	2,398
1975-76	4,223	2,072
1974-75	4,220	N/A

GED - General Educational Development high school equivalency tests

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT SCORES

(SAT) ALASKA STATEWIDE AVERAGES

	Math	Verbal	Percent Graduates who took SAT
1991-92	475	433	47.5
1990-91	481	439	45.4
1989-90	476	438	47.1
1988-89	480	443	46.7
1987-88	475	441	45.7
1986-87	479	445	45.0
1985-86	479	445	41.0
1984-85	477	446	40.6
1983-84	471	443	34.3
1982-83	468	437	32.6
1981-82	477	446	30.9
1980-81	486	449	29.4
1979-80	482	450	29.6
1978-79	478	452	N/A
1977-78	485	458	N/A
1976-77	487	459	N/A
1975-76	485	454	N/A

(SAT) U.S. NATIONAL AVERAGES

	Math	Verbal
1991-92	476	423
1990-91	474	422
1989-90	476	424
1988-89	476	427
1987-88	476	428
1986-87	476	430
1985-86	475	431
1984-85	475	431
1983-84	471	426
1982-83	468	425
1981-82	467	426
1980-81	466	424
1979-80	466	424
1978-79	467	427
1977-78	468	429
1976-77	470	429
1975-76	472	431

About 42 percent of U.S. high school graduates took the SAT test in 1992.

(ACT) ALASKAN COMPOSITE SCORES

	Scores	Percent Graduates who took ACT
1991-92	20.6	40.4
1990-91	20.6	35.6
1989-90	20.2	34.7
1988-89	20.1	39.2
1987-88	20.5	36.6
1986-87	20.7	36.8
1985-86	20.2	39.8

(ACT) U.S. COMPOSITE SCORES

	Scores
1991-92	20.6
1990-91	20.6
1989-90	20.6
1988-89	20.6
1987-88	20.8
1986-87	20.8
1985-86	20.8

About 32 percent of the U.S. high school graduates took the ACT in 1992.

In 1990 the content of the ACT changed, making comparisons prior to 1986 no longer appropriate. Scores prior to 1990 have been converted for comparison with the updated version of the test.

STAFFING INFORMATION

TOTAL FTE OF STAFF IN ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY GENDER

	Certified Classroom Teachers		Other Certified Staff		Total Staff
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
1991-92	2,321	4,718	680	880	8,599
1990-91	2,243	4,346	677	854	8,120
1989-90	2,210	4,114	688	806	7,818
1988-89	2,179	3,947	658	738	7,522
1987-88	2,301	4,078	618	634	7,631
1986-87	2,428	4,195	689	629	7,941
1985-86	2,449	4,197	N/A	N/A	N/A
1984-85	2,335	3,762	702	698	7,497
1983-84	2,382	3,950	551	365	7,248
1982-83	2,484	3,902	635	551	7,572
1981-82	2,226	3,564	568	541	6,899
1980-81	2,010	3,211	541	362	6,124
1979-80	1,961	3,218	552	378	6,109
1978-79	1,918	3,140	556	374	5,988
1977-78	1,885	3,030	502	353	5,770
1976-77					*5,367
1975-76	1,855	2,871	*589		5,315
1974-75					*5,031
1973-74	1,661	2,461	380	246	4,748
1972-73	1,598	2,413	401	298	4,710

***Certificated Staff** - Includes all teachers, superintendents, principals, counselors, school psychologists, curriculum specialists, librarians and others. Does not include classified staff such as teachers aides, clerical , food service, maintenance and other employees.*

***FTE**- The equivalent of one full-time staff member. Two half-time employees equals one Full Time Equivalent.*

** Male/Female breakdown not available.*

AVERAGE SALARIES

	Classroom Teachers	All Teachers
1991-92	$44,661	$44,674
1990-91	43,392	43,427
1989-90	43,125	43,161
1988-89	41,752	41,807
1987-88	41,190	N/A
1986-87	41,184	N/A
1985-86	39,447	N/A
1984-85	38,923	N/A
1983-84	35,478	N/A
1982-83	34,510	N/A
1981-82	32,000	N/A
1980-81	30,261	N/A
1979-80	27,755	N/A
1978-79	25,456	N/A
1977-78	23,484	N/A

Classroom Teacher: *A certified classroom instructor who performs formal instruction within a specified time period.*

All Teachers: *All certified teachers including classroom, itinerant, remedial specialist and head teachers.*

	Building Administrators	Central Office Staff	Specialists
1991-92	$64,651	$71,425	$48,207
1990-91	63,065	69,922	46,570
1989-90	62,451	69,307	45,971
1988-89	59,717	N/A	N/A

Building Administrators: *Includes principals, assistant principals along with head teachers who spend a portion of their time on administrative duties.*

Central Office Staff: *District personnel that provide administrative services for the school district such as superintendents, directors and mangers.*

Specialist: *Individuals in non-teaching and non-administrative positions who perform services of specialized nature such as counselors, nurses and librarians.*

ALASKA PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO

	City & Borough Districts	REAAs	Overall Average
1991-92	16.8	11.6	16.2
1990-91	17.2	11.2	16.2
1989-90	17.2	11.3	16.2
1988-89	17.2	11.7	16.2
1987-88	17.3	11.7	16.3
1986-87	16.5	11.9	15.7
1985-86*	15.7	11.2	14.9
1984-85*	16.9	10.9	15.8
1983-84*	15.6	10.2	14.6
1982-83*	15.4	9.7	14.3
1981-82*	N/A	N/A	N/A
1980-81*	15.3	9.1	14.0
1979-80*	15.6	9.4	14.4
1978-79*	16.0	10.7	15.1
1977-78*	16.4	11.2	15.5

1986-87 to present, ratios include classroom teachers, remedial specialists, head teachers and visiting teachers.

**1977-78 through 1985-86 ratios include classroom teachers, counselors, itinerant teachers and librarians. Does not include district office staff, clerical aides, maintenance personnel or other support staff.*

BOARDING HOME PROGRAM COSTS

	State Reimbursement	Number of Students Served
1991-92	$230,000	86
1990-91	159,423	44
1989-90	173,473	46
1988-89	229,232	64
1987-88	188,250	71
1986-87	238,942	74

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

TOTAL SPENT STATEWIDE

	State Reimbursement
1991-92	$27,275,778
1990-91	24,482,400
1989-90	24,482,400
1988-89	24,668,172
1987-88	21,136,454
1986-87	21,343,817
1985-86	23,131,177
1984-85	24,688,766
1983-84	21,543,531
1982-83	20,300,000
1981-82	19,051,644
1980-81	16,824,679

STATE COST PER PUPIL TRANSPORTED

	Number of Students Transported Per Day	Cost Per Day	Cost Per Year
1991-92	41,864	$3.62	$651.53
1990-91	45,031	3.02	543.60
1989-90	45,136	3.01	542.41
1988-89	43,825	3.13	562.88
1987-88	45,008	2.61	469.64
1986-87	46,420	2.55	459.80
1985-86	45,488	2.83	508.51
1984-85	44,890	3.12	549.98
1983-84	41,622	2.94	517.60
1982-83	40,343	2.86	503.19
1981-82	37,517	2.94	517.09
1980-81	37,995	2.48	442.81

AUDITED PUBLIC SCHOOL REVENUES

	Local Revenues	% of Total
1991-92	$199,556,741	23.9
1990-91	183,601,347	23.7
1989-90	185,649,967	24.6
1988-89	182,662,447	25.7
1987-88	177,863,909	26.0
1986-87	177,928,004	26.3
1985-86	159,412,282	21.9
1984-85	145,813,397	21.2
1983-84	120,693,706	19.3
1982-83	106,352,359	18.9
1981-82	85,442,871	17.7
1980-81	77,819,822	18.6
1979-80	63,363,472	20.2
1978-79	62,589,810	20.5
	State Revenues	**% of Total**
1991-92	$571,314,031	68.4
1990-91	533,090,093	68.6
1989-90	505,813,892	66.9
1988-89	469,114,839	66.0
1987-88	456,956,602	66.9
1986-87	448,235,395	66.1
1985-86	523,792,705	71.7
1984-85	516,585,298	75.1
1983-84	482,944,138	77.0
1982-83	447,308,959	79.2
1981-82	383,489,628	79.4
1980-81	322,183,065	77.2
1979-80	257,830,549	76.2
1978-79	236,144,273	77.2
	Federal Revenues	**% of Total**
1991-92	$64,677,293	7.7
1990-91	59,948,842	7.7
1989-90	63,952,806	8.5
1988-89	58,842,997	8.3
1987-88	48,282,952	7.1
1986-87	51,632,150	7.6
1985-86	46,701,897	6.4
1984-85	25,800,432	3.7
1983-84	23,270,244	3.7
1982-83	10,900,013	1.9
1981-82	13,775,825	2.9
1980-81	17,473,226	4.2
1979-80	12,027,554	3.6
1978-79	7,145,719	2.3

CITY AND BOROUGH EXPENDITURES

	District Expenditures	Cost per Pupil in ADM
1991-92	$669,388,842	$6,662
1990-91	623,139,744	6,518
1989-90	596,031,154	6,510
1988-89	543,120,183	6,118
1987-88	517,564,239	5,846
1986-87	534,180,728	6,076
1985-86	557,998,108	6,341
1984-85	539,300,187	6,274
1983-84	401,932,872	5,438
1982-83	409,713,896	5,269
1981-82	354,804,998	4,874
1980-81	302,315,164	4,277
1979-80	256,691,097	3,771
1978-79	234,272,887	3,339
1977-78	211,478,523	2,709
1976-77	193,688,494	2,450
1975-76	164,978,343	2,082

REAA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

	District Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil in ADM
1991-92	$162,120,255	$12,592
1990-91	158,454,279	12,610
1989-90	159,912,309	12,809
1988-89	160,290,641	12,653
1987-88	148,725,395	11,791
1986-87	159,462,426	11,159
1985-86	172,217,671	12,160
1984-85	162,504,284	12,178
1983-84	144,660,893	11,186
1982-83	145,449,554	11,021
1981-82	123,858,705	10,652
1980-81	103,542,906	9,261
1979-80	84,004,250	7,612
1978-79	77,239,542	6,542
1977-78	57,826,137	5,389
1976-77	46,767,490	4,520
1975-76	35,065,022	3,946

NATIONAL FOOD PROGRAMS IN ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

	Total Number of Meals Served	% Free & Reduced Priced
1991-92	6,868,290	53.0
1990-91	6,402,512	50.0
1989-90	6,268,757	46.0
1988-89	6,008,937	49.0
1987-88	6,118,720	51.1
1986-87	6,112,309	50.1
1985-86	6,323,981	46.0
1984-85	6,250,046	43.0
1983-84	6,044,611	40.3

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

	Total Number of Meals Served	% Free & Reduced Priced
1991-92	940,283	81.0
1990-91	880,080	81.0
1989-90	837,493	78.0
1988-89	722,487	83.3
1987-88	687,396	86.7
1986-87	639,390	86.9
1985-86	630,945	87.0
1984-85	569,108	87.6
1983-84	516,137	87.4

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

	Total Number of Milks Served	% Free & Reduced Priced
1991-92	31,352	0.6
1990-91	36,079	0.5
1989-90	79,799	1.0
1988-89	295,528	3.5
1987-88	289,811	6.9
1986-87	193,654	9.1
1985-86	191,531	10.6
1984-85	242,850	11.3
1983-84	204,304	19.2

% Free and Reduced Priced- The percent of the total breakfast, lunch or milks served at a reduced price or free.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOOD PROGRAMS IN ALASKA SCHOOLS

1991-92	$11.862.657
1990-91	9.555.532
1989-90	8.953.894
1988-89	8.350.500
1987-88	8.456.750
1986-87	7.934.403
1985-86	7.359.647
1984-85	6.629.096
1983-84	5.802.194

TOTAL VALUE OF U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE DONATED COMMODITIES GIVEN TO ALASKA SCHOOLS

1991-92	$1.007.313
1990-91	1.031.881
1989-90	951.255
1988-89	1.336.711
1987-88	1.300.729
1986-87	1.150.315
1985-86	1.122.902
1984-85	1.438.013
1983-84	1.591.697

All reported figures include participating school districts, residential childcare institutions and Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SQUARE MILES AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT

School District	Square Miles	Enrollment PE-12
Adak Region	1,348	717
Alaska Gateway	20,649	507
Aleutian Region	3,542	28
Aleutian East	7,348	370
Anchorage	1,884	44,749
Annette Island	8,978	416
Bering Strait	24,240	1,530
Bristol Bay	873	324
Chatham	43,992	378
Chugach	20,200	148
Copper River	20,649	589
Cordova	6	483
Craig	10	305
Delta/Greely	7,182	895
Denali	8,978	327
Dillingham	22	514
Fairbanks	7,361	15,404
Galena	24	168
Haines	2,620	450
Hoonah	2	239
Hydaburg	1	120
Iditarod	44,441	414
Juneau	3,100	5,199
Kake	1	181
Kashunamiut	1	194
Kenai	25,600	9,562
Ketchikan	1,250	2,797
Klawock	1	207
Kodiak Island	17,783	2,655
Kuspuk	12,120	443
Lake and Peninsula	25,061	522
Lower Kuskokwim	23,792	2,987
Lower Yukon	19,302	1,443
Matanuska-Susitna	20,544	10,580
Nenana	9	188
Nome	18	773
North Slope	84,983	1,735
Northwest Arctic	37,296	1,877
Pelican	1	46
Petersburg	2	702

School District	Square Miles	Enrollment PE-12
Pribilof	7,182	156
St. Marys	52	128
Sitka	7,927	1,837
Skagway	11	160
Southeast Island	18,856	427
Southwest Region	21,996	475
Tanana	15	99
Unalaska	23	343
Valdez	274	912
Wrangell	44	527
Yakutat	8	130
Yukon Flats	59,865	438
Yukon/Koyukuk	64,626	550
Yupiit	19	360

Enrollment data are as of October 1, 1991 and includes all students in grades Pre-elementary to grade 12.

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